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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, the applicants submit herewith a certified copy of each of the following foreign applications:

- (1) Japanese Patent Application No. 8-258969 Filed: September 30, 1996
- (2) Japanese Patent Application No. 9-150531 Filed: June 9, 1997

It is respectfully requested that the applicants be given the benefit of the foreign filing date, as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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